Statement

Foreign Investment Approvals in Food Processing and Deep Sea Fishing since liberalisation

(Rs. in crores)

Sub-Sector of Food Processing	Approx. Foreign Investment
1. Grain milling and grain based products	311
2. Fruits & Vegetable products	217
3. Meat & Poultry	291
4. Deep Sea fishing fish processing & aquaculture	536
5. Fermentation industry	222
6. Consumer industry including soft drinks water & confectionery etc.	735
7. Milk & Milk product	213
8. Others, including food additives, flavours, etc.	71
TOTAL	2596

MOU Signed with Foreign Countries in the Field of Telecommunications

1639. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by Deptt. of Telecommunications with other countries in the field of telecommunications such as R&D, training, exchange of experts, telecom software etc;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any such memoranda have also been signed with domestic companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) One MOU has been signed during the year 1995 between India and Iran on cooperation in the field of Posts and Telecommunications.

(c) and (d) DOT has not signed any such MOU during 1995 with domestic companies.

Instructions to States for Dealing with dowry death cases

1640. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some years ago, Government had issued a circular to all the State Government and Union Territories Administrations detailing instructions to investigating agencies for investigation into dowry death cases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions are being followed properly in the States and U.Ts. and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to ensure that the instructions in dowry cases are strictly followed by investigating agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The circular issued in 1990 drew the attention of the State Governments towards the Central Governments concern over increased crimes against women and inter-alia suggested that the cases of crimes against women should be registered promptly, investigated at the appropriate level, cases should be filed in the Courts expeditiously and persued vigorously so that the accused persons get the punishment which they deserve. The need to take effective action in cases of violence against women and their harassment continues to be stressed upon the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The registration and investigation of cases of crime is primarily the responsibility of State Governments under the Constitution. According to information available, most States have taken special measures to deal with crimes against women.

Development of National Highways in Maharashtra

1641. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any action plan to develop and improve national highways with central assistance in Maharashtra; and